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I, **Kamal D. Mehta**, hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, **Induction of LDL Receptor Expression by Extracellular-Signal Regulated Kinase, ERK-1/2** the specification of which was filed as U.S. Serial No. 09/942,320 on August 29, 2001 and which claims benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of provisional application USSN 60/229,271 filed August 30, 2000, now abandoned.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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